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SUBJECT:OPERATING FUNDS FOR EMBASSY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR
(ENC)

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 9229 (DEPT POUCHING LA PAZ)

1. REFTEL REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL, OR SEPARATE, OPERATING
BUDGET FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR HAS BEEN CAREFULLY RE-
VIEWED IN LIGHT EXISTING FUNDING PROCEDURES AND POLICIES
AND IN VIEW OF BUREAU'S CRITICAL FUND SITUATION. FOLLOWING
ITEM BY ITEM DISCUSSION REFLECTS CONSIDERED POSITION ALL
AGENCIES AND OFFICES CONCERNED.

2. SEPARATE OPERATING BUDGET NOT APPROVED. WE AGREE
(PARA 5, REFTEL) THAT FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS OF EMBASSY
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR (ENC) ARE NEW AND PERHAPS UNUSUAL
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COMPARED WITH MORE TRADITIONAL EMBASSY ACTIVITIES. WE

ALSO RECOGNIZE SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES ARISING FROM FACT FULL-TIME COORDINATOR POSITION WAS CREATED AND STAFFED AFTER START OF FY 1974 WITH RESULT TRAVEL, REPRESENTATION AND OTHER NORMAL OPERATIONAL NEEDS NOT REFLECTED ADEQUATELY IN REGULAR EMBASSY FY 1974 BUDGET. READINESS OF ENC TO GO OUT OF POCKET IF NECESSARY FOR ESSENTIAL TRAVEL IS NOTED BUT WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTABLE "SOLUTION." WE EXPECT NORMAL ENC REPRESENTATION AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF REGULAR EMBASSY OPERATING BUDGET. WHERE THIS IS SIGNIFICANT NEW FACTOR, EMBASSY BUDGETS SHOULD CLEARLY IDENTIFY

AND JUSTIFY NARCOTICS COORDINATION TRAVEL AND REPRESENTATION NEEDS.

3. PROJECT-RELATED TRAVEL. WHEN NEED FOR TRAVEL IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION AS INDICATED REFTEL (I.E. BORDER PATROL STRIKE FORCE), PROGRAM FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECT MAY INCLUDE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR PROJECT MANAGER'S TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES NORMALLY RELATED TO PROJECT PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION AND CONTROL. IN COUNTRIES WHERE HOST COUNTRY TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY USAID ARE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE DRAW ON THIS SOURCE FOR TRAVEL RELATED TO PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS RECEIVING US NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE FUNDS. SINCE SUCH TRUST FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE IN ARGENTINA, WE PROPOSE YOU INCLUDE PROJECT CONTROL COSTS (PARA 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A) IN YOUR PROJECT BA/03 AS DESCRIBED URTEL 6553.

4. REPRESENTATIONAL TRAVEL. REFTEL PROPOSES, IF NECESSARY TO PAY TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF ARGENTINE EXECUTIVE SECY OF CONATON TO ACCOMPANY ENC ON VISITS TO BORDER AREAS WHERE STRIKE FORCE WILL OPERATE. WHILE WE WOULD EXPECT GOA TO BUDGET FOR TRAVEL ITS OWN OFFICIALS AS PART OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO JOINT NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, WE NOTE THAT CONATON EXECUTIVE SECY AS OF NOW HAS NO TRAVEL FUNDS. ACCORDINGLY, IF GOA PROVES UNABLE FUND SUCH TRAVEL ITSELF, EMBASSY MAY INCLUDE AS PROJECT RELATED COST PAYMENT OF SUCH INTERNAL TRAVEL BY CONATON OFFICIAL DURING CURRENT GOA FISCAL YEAR.

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5. REGIONAL TRAVEL. REFTEL (PARA 2 C) PROPOSES ONE TRIP TO LA PAZ IN FY 1974 TO DISCUSS GOA-GOB INTERFACE IN BORDER ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. SUBJECT TO EMBASSY LA PAZ VIEWS, WE AGREE CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY THERE COULD BE USEFUL FOLLOWING GOA DECISIONS ON BORDER ENFORCEMENT PROJECT. WE WOULD EXPECT LA PAZ AND BUENOS AIRES TO COORDINATE DETAILS DIRECTLY. RE FY 1975 PROPOSED TRAVEL (PARA 3 C) TO CONFER WITH NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICERS IN

MONTEVIDEO, ASUNCION AND SANTIAGO, WE DEFERRING JUDGMENT
PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ARGENTINE BORDER ENFORCEMENT
PLANS AND CLEARER INDICATIONS NEED FOR SUCH TRAVEL.

6. POST WILL RECALL THAT THE SPECIAL FINANCIAL PLAN
(DECEMBER 1973) WAS EXPECTED TO PORTRAY ALL POST REQUIRE-
MENTS FOR FISCAL 1974. SCHEDULE 11 OF THAT PLAN ENTITLED
"OTHER MANDATORY INCREASES," ITEM 3, PART A, LISTED
TEMPORARY LODGING ALLOWANCE AND QUARTERS ALLOWANCE AS ONLY
REQUIREMENTS OF ENC. TO THE EXTENT THAT ENC REQUIREMENTS
HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN BUENOS AIRES 1822, THEY WILL BE CON-
SIDERED BY THE BUREAU TOGETHER WITH PRIORITIES OF ALL ARA
POSTS.

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7. YOU SHOULD OBLIGATE FUNDS IN FY 74 FOR PROJECT BA/02,
BA/03 AND INTELLIGENCE UNIT ACCORDING TO INFO PROVIDED
BY EMBASSY TO WASHINGTON; IF ACTUAL OBLIGATIONS OCCUR IN
FY 74 (AND YOU THEREFORE HAVE AN ACTIVE PROJECT REQUIRING
TRAVEL FOR ADEQUATE MANAGEMENT), FY 74 PROGRAM FUNDS CAN
BE ADDED TO PROJECT BUDGETS AS NECESSARY, TO PERMIT SUCH
TRAVEL -- BUT MUST APPEAR AS A PROJECT - RELATED COST.
IF TRAVEL IS NECESSARY FOR COORDINATION IN PREPARATION
FOR FY 74 OBLIGATIONS, THEN YOU MUST SO STATE AND DESCRIBE
EXACT JUSTIFICATION SO THAT A SEPARATE SPECIAL ALLOTMENT
MAY BE MADE PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF PRO-AG -- SUCH COST TO
LATER BE INCLUDED IN AND DEDUCTED FROM PROJECT BUDGET. RUSH

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